CLAIMS

1. A method for operating an electronic program guide comprising the following steps:

   logging an amount of time that a particular channel is selected for viewing; and

   generating a query to identify channels based upon a percentage of the time that the channels are selected.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the following steps:

   presenting, to the viewer, a list of the channels identified by the query; and

   ordering the channels within the list according to the percentage of time that the channels are selected for viewing so that channels which are selected a higher percentage of the time appear at one place in the list and channels which are selected a lower percentage of the time appear at another place in the list.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a query to identify channels which have been selected at least a threshold amount of time to eliminate rarely selected channels from identification.

4. An electronic program guide resident in a computer-readable storage medium and executable on a processor to perform the steps of the method recited in claim 1.

5. A viewer computing unit programmed to perform the steps of the method recited in claim 1.

6. A computer-readable storage medium which directs a computer to perform the steps of the method recited in claim 1.

7. A method for operating an electronic program guide comprising the following steps:

logging an amount of time that a particular channel is selected for viewing;

generating a query to identify channels based upon a percentage of the time that the channels are selected; and

saving the query in a hierarchic query structure.